

Claremont News

Baptist pastor stays

By ANNE LONEY
CLAREMONT—The Annual Meeting of the Baptist Church was held Thursday evening, Feb. 6. With few exceptions, elected officers will remain the same. Mrs. Sam Taylor will be taking care of "Memorials", filling the vacancy left open by Mrs. Ken Ward when she moved from the village. Mrs. Larry Cogar of Stouffville is elected second organist, joining assistant organist, Mrs. Stan McMullen, and

organist, Mrs. Hugh Mitchell. The new Mission Treasurer is Mrs. Alan Chamberlain and Mr. Alfred Kayes has been added to the Property Committee, replacing Ray Ward. Members of the Baptist Congregation are more than pleased and happy that their pastor, the Rev. F. A. Luck, and Mrs. Luck will be staying with them for, at least, another year. The Buffet table was beautifully decorated

with Valentine colors when about 40 Senior Citizens gathered for a Pot Luck Luncheon in their club rooms last Thursday. After lunch nine tables of Euchre were played, with Margaret Benson, Maude Middleton and Laura Reynolds winning.

An invitation was received from Uxbridge Seniors Club to Claremont Seniors for an evening of musical entertainment by the Woodville Trio on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. A bus will leave the Four Corners at 7:15 to accommodate those who will be attending.

The United Church Sunday School will hold a toboggan party from the church Saturday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gray and family to our community. They moved here shortly before Christmas and have taken up residence on R. R. 1 where they will keep horses. Mr. Grey is well known in the sporting world; he is Canadian and Commonwealth welter weight champion Boxer. We congratulate him on his win last Saturday evening when he defeated Beau Jaynes, the New England, Mass., welter weight champion, in the 7th round.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lake flew home from Florida Sunday afternoon after a vacation at Myers Beach, Sanibel Island and Naples.

Winners at the Tuesday evening Euchre last week in the Community Hall were: Ladies, Mrs. George McKenzie, Mrs. Peter White and Mrs. Frank Hayward. Mens, Joe Empringham, Don Wilson and Mrs. Charlie Redshaw, substituting. The Lone Hand prize went to Don Wilson.

Our sympathy goes to the Binstead family in the passing of Mrs. Bill Binstead's mother Mrs. Morgan Preston of Markham. Funeral services were held on Sunday at the Dixon Funeral home.

Our sympathy, also, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gostick and family in the tragic death of their daughter, Muriel, a teacher at Green River School, who lost her life in a car accident Monday of last week.

Another bereavement for the Gostick family was the passing of Frank Gostick. They lived in Stouffville but were former residents of Claremont where they retained their membership in the Baptists Church.

Dagmar Ski Club

Business good at this ski resort

CLAREMONT—In a time when some ski resorts have reported a drop in business, Dagmar Ski Club has been turning over a good trade this winter.

The popularity of the Dagmar slopes could be partially due to the new snowmaking facility installed this year. The system insures that skiers will always have snow, even if Mother Nature doesn't come through.

According to Peter Harris of Dagmar, half of the slopes are serviced by the snowmaking system. The "snow" that is made is about two and a half times heavier than normal snow and is considered by some skiers to be superior to the real thing.

The system uses a one-million gallon storage tank and "creates a cloud" by shooting pressurized air and water over the slope. The artificial "cloud", in turn, "snows".

Harris gave as an example the thaw that occurred earlier in January, with temperatures reaching 60 degrees. At 3 a.m. after a warm Saturday, the snowmaking device was put into use so that skiing on one slope became possible in the morning.

Another new feature

at Dagmar are expanded cross-country ski trails. This year has seen a big increase in the use of the approximately 500 acres set aside for that purpose. Service has also been extended to school groups; with students coming from a variety of school in York and Durham Regions for special instructional programs.

Greenwood

Mount Zion junior choir holds supper

GREENWOOD—The Junior Choir of Mount Zion Church is holding a supper Friday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$2, with proceeds going to support a foster child in Africa.

Don't forget the Valentines Dance this coming Friday at the Community Park Arena. It is sponsored by the Group Committee of the Boy Scouts.

The official board for the circuit will meet Thursday night at Mount Zion. Time is 8:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Pegg and Mr. and Mrs. George Pegg of Stouffville and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Pegg of Old Greenwood Rd. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brooks, Friday evening.

All three units of the United Church Women held meetings during the past week. Unit 1 met at the home of Mrs. Heaton with Mrs. Pittman in charge. Unit 11 meeting was at the home of Mrs. Ken Brooks, while Unit 3 met at the home of Edna Green. All units made plans to cater the father-son banquet, Feb. 22.

Local cubs and scouts will honor the founder of their movement Lord Baden Powell Sunday Feb. 23 when they will parade to the United Church with their parents.



Andy Ferguson of Ramona Blvd., Markham, enjoys the downhill skiing at Dagmar Ski Club, east of Claremont. The students from Markham Dist. High School have been skiing at the club as part of their Physical Education program. Ted Wilcox

Uxbridge Township seeks tax revenue from gravel pits

UXBRIDGE—In true David-and-Goliath fashion, the Township of Uxbridge is going to try putting some pressure on the provincial government.

This was one major concern that emerged recently when Regional Councillor Bill Ballinger proposed a motion dealing with a request from a gravel-pit operator. The operator, John B. Regan Co., recently appealed to Council to support its request for an increase in the amount of gravel it can extract: from 450,000 tons per year to 1,750,000.

The company's pit in Pickering has been expropriated by Metro, so most of the work will be shifted to a pit in Uxbridge.

Ballinger's motion stated two reasons for the

Township's refusal: a study on gravel-pit operations is now in progress; and a related case has been before the Ontario Municipal Board, with no final decision as yet.

"To triple the tonnage extracted would not benefit this municipality one iota," Ballinger said. He feared the increased truck traffic that approval of the company's request might cause, and spoke at some length about inequities in taxation.

Township solicitor Alec McLennan warned members of Council that the municipality will never be able to tax such operations on a per-ton basis. He added that it will be difficult to get anything out of the province, because the province exercises only minimal authority in this field.

Mayor Dr. Carl Puterbaugh described it as "a phenomenal request", and Councillor Eleanor Todd termed it "really ridiculous." Mrs. Todd, however, went on to suggest that a compromise might be possible.

This view was enthusiastically endorsed by Stu Thatcher, an official with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. He appeared

to be urging councillors to tread warily.

"If you don't agree with that figure, put in another one... maybe 1.2 million, or 1 million," he said.

Ballinger refused to modify his position.

"I think now the township is in a very good position to put some pressure on the Ministry, to force them into making some changes," he said. "If each pit is allowed to increase, it will go on forever and we'll never get any changes."

Challenged to specify the areas he wants to see changed, Ballinger named assessment as one. The whole topic was discussed at some length,

some members feeling that if the airport and Cedarwood go ahead, the demand for gravel will be so great "there'll be no holding them."

Further suggestions of a compromise brought the mayor down on Ballinger's side.

"When the township gets something out of this, we'll be a hell of a lot happier," he said.

McLennan agreed that pressures were mounting, and urged careful study of the whole gravel question.

After lengthy debate, Ballinger's motion carried on a recorded vote, with only councillor Fred Kelland opposed. Councillor Maustyn McKnight was absent.

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